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SUBJ: TOMBALBAYE APPRECIATES US ASSISTANCE

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1. DURING JULY 16 TALK WITH PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE, REPORTED
IN PART IN REFTTEL, HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR
FAMINE-RELIEF EFFORTS OF U.S. SAID HIS MINISTERS HAD COMMENTED
TO HIM FAVORABLY ON COOPERATION EMBASSY GIVING. I ASSURED
PRESIDENT WE WOULD CONTINUE WORK CLOSELY WITH GOC OFFICIALS
AND THAT ONCE RELIABLE FORECAST 1973/74 HARVEST WAS AVAILABLE
WE WOULD BEGIN SERIOUS PLANNING FOR FURTHER RELIEF EFFORTS.

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2. I FOLLOWED THIS WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE ARRANGEMENTS FOR

SATEGUI-DERESSIA RICE SCHEME COULD MOVE FORWARD DURING OCTOBER WASHINGTON VISIT OF DIRECTOR OF PLAN N'GAKOUTOU, EMPHASIZING THIS ONE PROJECT WITH PROSPECT OF 100,000 TONS RICE PER YEAR COULD GO LONG WAY BY ITSELF IN MEETING ANY FUTURE CEREALS DEFICIT. I TOLD PRESIDENT THAT, WHEN SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED, THIS ONE PROJECT COULD REPRESENT US DIRECT AID OF AS MUCH AS DOLS THREE MILLION, ADDING CONGRESS HAS APPROPRIATION REQUEST BEFORE IT FOR ACTION. HE SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THIS NEWS, INDICATING THROUGH SEVERAL SUBSIDIARY QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT WELL INFORMED ABOUT IT.

3. I NEXT BROUGHT UP OUR LOCG-STUDIED MULTI-DONOR LIVESTOCK PROJECT (ABOUT WHICH HE ALSO SEEMED UNINFORMED) REPORTING THAT GOC IN RECENT DAYS HAD SUGGESTED THIS PROJECT BE GIVEN LOWER PRIORITY BECAUSE PROTRACTED DROUGHT CONDITIONS HAD THROWN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SCENE INTO DISARRAY. INSTEAD, I SAID, WE ARE READY TO LISTEN TO FORTHCOMING PROPOSAL WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED FOR EXPANDED POLDER SCHEME ON SHORES OF LAKE CHAD, WHICH SEEMS MORE PERTINENT TO CHAD'S FOOD NEEDS. FOR PRESENT WE WOULD KEEP LIVESTOCK PROJECT ON BACK BURNER.

4. AFTER UPDATING PRESIDENT ON CHAD-BENEFITING ACTIVITIES WE ARE ENGAGED IN IN LCBC CONTEXT (CHARI RIVER BRIDGE DESIGN, TWO-ROADS PROJECT AND ASSALE-SERBEWEL CATTLE SCHEME) I MENTIONED WE HAD JUST RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL REQUEST FROM MINISTRY OF TERRITORIAL MANAGEMENT FOR HELP IN CHAD'S LONG-TERM WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SOMETHING WHICH WE WILL REPORT ON SHORTLY TO AID/W AND DEPT). I STRESSED PROPOSAL WAS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT INTENSE STUDY WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE FIRST. PRESIDENT AGREED GOC WAS ASKING FOR RATHER LARGE SUMS BUT ADDED, "YOU HAVE THE EXPERTS. BRING THEM IN AND HAVE THEM STUDY THE REQUEST."

5. TOUCHING ON PRIVATE SECTOR I TOLD PRESIDENT CONOCO-SHELL SEEMED TO BE READY TO DRILL FIRST WELLS NEXT NOVEMBER. PRESIDENT INDICATED HE WAS IMPATIENT TO LEARN RESULTS. WE BOTH AGREED SUBSTANTIAL OIL STRIKES COULD CHANGE WHOLE FACE OF CHAD.

6. TOMBALBAYE CONCLUDED THIS SECTION OF OUR DISCUSSION BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECALLING HIS EXPRESSION OF DISAPPOINTMENT IN QUANTITY OF AID US HAD PROVIDED CHAD AT TIME I PRESENTED LETTERS OF CREDENCE. HE WAS VERY GLAD TO HEAR THAT, OVER AND ABOVE FAMINE-RELIEF, US HAS OTHER WORTHWHILE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION. HE URGED ME TO PUSH HARD FOR SUCCESS BECAUSE "THIS POOR COUNTRY NEEDS HELP IN EVERY SECTOR".
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